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Chris Campbell is a partner in DLA Piper's Product Liability and Mass Tort practice group, recently recognized by *Law360* as the Product Liability Group of the Year.

Chris serves as head of litigation in the Atlanta office, while also working out of the New York office. Chris is a graduate of Harvard Law School with experience in all phases of litigation, including first-chairing jury and bench trials in state and federal courts and arguing appeals.

He has represented many of DLA Piper's top clients, among them leading pharmaceutical, automotive and insurance companies. Chris was recently selected as a 2014 "Rising Star" in the area of product liability law by *Law360*, which cited his "knack for breaking down difficult science into concepts" and "creativity and unorthodox tactics" that "have set him apart."

EXPERIENCE

RECENT SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS

- *Cone v. Hankook Tire Company, Ltd.*, 1:14-cv-01122 (W.D. Tenn. July 6, 2017), defense verdict in jury trial
- *Ralph Brown V. Michelin North America, Inc.*, 2015 WL 4757750, *1 (E.D. Okla. Aug. 11, 2015) granting summary judgment to Michelin and Hankook Tire in product liability suit on causation grounds
- *Langston v. Pangborn Corp.*, 2014 WL 347718, *1 (S.D. Miss. Jan. 31, 2014), granting summary judgment in alleged silica exposure toxic tort case on statute of limitations grounds
- *In re Prempro Products Liability Litigation*, 738 F. Supp. 2d 887 (E.D. Ark. 2010), excluding plaintiffs' experts' opinion that estrogen-only hormone therapy causes breast cancer
- *Viramontes v. Pfizer, Inc.*, 2008 WL 2477443,*1 (Cal. Ct. App. June 20, 2008), affirming summary judgment in pharmaceutical product liability claim based on inadequacy of plaintiff's expert evidence
- *In re: Bextra and Celebrex Marketing Sales Practices and Prod. Liab. Litig.*, 524 F.Supp. 2d 1166, 2007 WL 4170276, *1 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 19, 2007), excluding as unreliable any expert opinions that pain medication causes heart attacks and strokes at most commonly prescribed dose
- *Polidoro v. Chubb Corp.*, 386 F. Supp. 2d 334 (S.D.N.Y. 2005), granting motion to dismiss a plaintiff's claims in a bad faith insurance claim

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship

RELATED SECTORS

- Life Sciences

- *Leibel v. Flynn Hill Elevator Co.*, 25 A.D.3d 768, 809 N.Y.S.2d 519 (2d Dep't 2005), affirming trial court decision permitting amending third-party complaint in US\$20 million personal injury case
- *Figueroa v. Gallager*, 20 A.D.3d 385, 798 N.Y.S.2d 143 (2d Dep't 2005), reversing trial court and granting summary judgment in favor of General Motors based on inadequacy of plaintiff's expert testimony
- *Zaremba v. Gen. Motors Corp.*, 360 F.3d 355 (2d Cir. 2004), affirming summary judgment and excluding expert testimony under Daubert in a catastrophic, multi-plaintiff rollover crash
- *N.Y. Mut. Cent. Mut. Fire Ins. Co. v. Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.*, 2004 WL 2643172, *1 (W.D.N.Y. Nov. 18, 2004), granting summary judgment in an automobile fire case based on the inadequacy of the plaintiff's expert evidence to establish product defect
- *Utica Mut. Ins. Co. v. Computer Sciences Corp.*, 2004 WL 180252, *1 (N.D.N.Y. Jan. 23, 2004), granting motion to dismiss in multi-million dollar breach-of-contract action

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Georgia
- New York

Recognitions

The Legal 500 United States has recognized Chris for his product liability and mass tort work, and stated he "commands respect."

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School 2000
Harvard Negotiation Law Review, the *International Law Journal* and the *Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*
Ames Moot Court Competition
- B.S., Philosophy and English, Austin Peay State University 1997
Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year, 2002

Memberships

- New York State Bar Association
- Georgia Bar Association

INSIGHTS

Chris regularly speaks and writes on the subjects of science in the courtroom, juror psychology and international issues.

He is co-author of the book *Expert Witnesses: Products Liability Cases* (West 2d ed. 2012), an in-depth guide to expert witness development in all types of product liability and mass tort matters, including pharmaceutical, toxic torts, automotive, industrial accidents and children's and consumer products. In addition, he recently co-authored the article "Sacking the Monday Morning Quarterback: Tackling Hindsight Bias in Failure-to-Warn Cases," *For the Defense* (October 2010), which the Defense Research Institute (DRI) selected to receive its G. Duffield Smith Outstanding Publication Award. The award honors DRI's most outstanding defense-related article in 2010. Christopher also edits "Think Globally," a monthly column on international legal issues that appears in DRI's *For the Defense* magazine.

Publications

- Author, "Corporate Conversation: An Interview with Novo Nordisk's Michael W. King," *For The Defense*, Think Globally column,

April 2015

- Co-author, "Science, Simplified: Five Tips for Presenting Scientific Evidence That Will Resonate With Juries in Drug and Medical Device Cases," *Bloomberg BNA, Toxics Tort Reporter*, July 31, 2014
- Co-author, "Motions In Limine in New York Products Liability Litigation," chapter in the book *New York Products Liability: Strategy and Practice* (2d ed., 2013), with Loren H. Brown and Jennifer A. Fuerch

Events

- Panelist, Documenting and Seeking Solutions to Mass-Tort MDL Problems Conference, Bolch Judicial Institute, Duke Law School, Atlanta, GA (April 26-27, 2018)
- Presenter, "Daubert Data Dredge: A Statistical and Strategic Look Back at Daubert through the Years and Now," DRI Drug Medical Device Conference, Chicago, IL (May 18, 2016)
- Presenter, "Simplifying Scientific Evidence for Jurors: Strategies for Presenting Scientific Information in an Understandable, Memorable, and Persuasive Manner," Strafford Webinar (April 10, 2013)